

WORLD OF RADIO #1215, produced January 7, 2004 by Glenn Hauser

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*2004 brings many changes at World Radio Network, including our time to North America, Sundays 1500 UT changed to 1100; if listeners find this inconvenient, they may tell WRN so. But that may put us on some overnight relayers, such as KSFC [91.9] Spokane WA, 3 am Pacific on Sundays [and WDNW 89.1 Auburn NY, 6 am Eastern]. Let us know if you are hearing us there. Also gone from Sun 0530 UT to Europe; but still on WRN Sat 0900 to most of the world except North America

*RTE Ireland greatly increased time on WRN, 2-hour program thrice daily at 1400, 1900, 2200 UT [correction: 1400-1500, 1900-1930 and 2200-2230!]; R. Romania International added, at 1600 and 2230. RCI, RA and DW considerably reduced via WRN

*Hawaii's 690, KORL, converts from R. Disney to Japanese format, ex-KJPN 1370

*HCJB Australia added Hindi, adjusted English, now: 0800-1100 11750 still to Pacific; 1415-1730 on new 15405 to S Asia; DX Partyline Sat 0830, 1430

*Another Papua New Guinea station off the air for failing to pay electricity bill, R. West New Britain, 3235; had been heard as recently as January 1:

*One of numerous stations logged by Sam Dellitt on DXpedition in Queensland; much more of his report in DXLD 4-003 at <http://www.worldofradio.com>

*Classical music tests from China on numerous SW frequencies, not heard since Dec. 24; either off, or into regular service as jammers from site in extreme western China, Kashi, further west than New Delhi and further south than Ankara or Madrid

*Mongolia on 12085 for English at 1000

*Iran's English and German to Europe discontinued in late December, but another English broadcast still heard in Jan, 1030 on 15480, 15550, plus Arabic, Turkish, Urdu

*V. of Iraq, 1179 kHz in Baghdad, <http://www.voiraq.com> in Arabic, except for English hour about Islam at 1200

*Fundamental Broadcasting Network on the air in Baghdad with 'briefcase' FM transmitter, per <http://www.fbnradio.com> -- also runs US SW stations WTJC, WBOH

*Website found for AFN Iraq, called Freedom Radio, <http://www.vcorps.army.mil/www/CJTF7/afniraq> with aquiline logo surrounded by flags of some 50 countries; several FM transmitters of 1 kW or less; phone number is area code 914 = Westchester County, NY. A cellphone with roaming capability, via towers in Baghdad

*Galei Tsahal, Israeli Defence Forces on 6973 gives transmitter site

as 20 km SE of Tel Aviv, so near Lod, not same site as Kol Israel

- *One Kol Israel site, the Hillel Station, closed the MW transmitters on 576 and 738 Jan 1, already out of use; one 100 kW SW transmitter closed, but a 500 kW remains in use
- *Cutbacks in Israeli international SW not as severe as expected; still Romanian, Spanish, Yiddish, Persian, Russian, Ladino, French, Arabic, English, Hebrew. See DXLD 4-002 for complete new schedule, including English: 0500-0515 on 6280, 7545, 17600; 1110-1120 15640, 17535; 1800-1815 11585, 15640; 2000-2025 6280, 11585, 15640
- *Norway's SW transmitters indeed closed down December 31; recording by Samuel Cassio of final R. Denmark broadcast at 2230 on 7560
- *Goodbye, R. Denmark, one of the first SW stations I heard when I started in 1957 --- but this was not actually the last broadcast, as they ran one more hour by mistake
- *See DXLD 4-004 for first-hand report on closure of Norwegian SW transmitters. Still powered in ``black heating`` mode so they remain operational in case somebody interested in leasing lots of airtime or moving them to other sites. Staff reduced from 13 to 5 until Feb
- *Another major closedown last week was the Holzkirchen, Germany site used by IBB for VOA and RFE/Radio Liberty, see DXLD 3-235 for a German story, `No more Ukrainian coming out of our washing machines`
- *Also two summaries of how each Holzkirchen transmission has been deleted or replaced [DXLD 3-235, 4-001]
- *DX Listening Digest, online, offers a tremendous archive of info about SW and other media, if you know how to use a search engine. 235 issues published in 2003, that's an average of 4 or 5 per week, each about 100k, all freely available via <http://worldofradio.com>
- *This is World of Radio No. 1215, wghauser at yahoo.com or woradio at yahoo.com or P O Box 1684, Enid, OK 73702 USA
- *Our thanks this week for financial support, via PayPal, go to Steven Zimmerman
- *V. of Croatia via Germany moved one of two transmitters on 9470, to 13820, the one for Australia at 0600-1000, clashing with China until 0800; the other 9470 toward New Zealand remains, until 0800
- *R. Tre, Italy, heard relayed on 6310 over the holidays, 0200-0415, but that legal FM station on 100.3 will not QSL, saying it has no connexion with the SW frequency; speculation about why this happens
- *BBCWS announcer John Stone had a stroke in February 2000 and is no longer heard; story about his coping with recovering: <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,8123-892676,00.html>
- *Hopes that V. of Mediterranean, Malta might continue were fruitless. It did go off the air, since renewed Libyan support not officially forthcoming
- *V. of Nigeria again heard since December 31, and more or less regular schedule from January 3, on 11770, 15120, [and 17800]; worker once called it `epileptic`
- *Optimum time of year for North Americans to hear V. of Biafra International, clandestine from South Africa to Nigeria, Saturdays

only until 2159 on 7380, mostly in English, very anti-Lagos

- *Expanded schedule of Sudan Radio Service, via UK, 1500-1700 on 15530 announced addition of 0300-0500 on 9625, bad news for CBC Northern
- *V. of Ethiopia, English at 1600 on 9561.4, heard in California via longpath
- *South Africa's Catholic station R. Veritas, resumes Jan. 11, 1000-1400 daily on 7240, 100 kW Meyerton
- *R. Italia is new X-bander in Buenos Aires province, on 1620
- *R. Uncia, new Bolivian on 4722.9, made quite a splash in December, but not heard as of January 1 at 0000 or 0950
- *R. Ilucan, Peru, 5678, also has MW harmonic on 4260.42, heard as far away as Tokyo at 1050
- *Venezuelan timesignal station YVT0, Observatorio Cajigal, refurbished and back on 5000, heard at 0500, Spanish mixing with WWV
- *TIUCR, R. Universidad de Costa Rica, back on 6105, heard midday in Florida, also evening 0035-0105; later at night heavy interference; I found website, showing they have a rate card <http://cariari.ucr.ac.cr/~radioucr/radioucr/>
- *Another brief reactivation from XERTA, Mexico City on 4810v, January 1-3, later heavy noise on frequency
- *Farewell to a colleague, tho we hardly knew ye, David Barosoain, no longer host of AWR Wavescan due to budget cuts; now two or three new announcers
- *WJIE ID again used instead of WJCR, so official change in effect? Rather good here around 1500 on 7490 relaying 'Praise 95' from Florida
- *WWRB to add 3200, 3220 or 3225, close to WWCR; Dave Frantz more interested in his avionics repair station at same site, doing better business than broadcasting
- *WRIB, 1220, Providence, Rhode Island, doing a DX test every morning thru March, raising power to 1 kW nondirectional at 0755-0805 UT, perhaps adding Morse code IDs too; Spanish music format overnight <http://www.wrib.com>
- *WKDK, 1240, Newberry, SC, doing a 3-minute DX test, Sunday January 11 at 1057 UT, including code IDs
- *KTNN, 660, Window Rock, AZ, heard well eastward around 0400, apparently not going diectional, country and Navajo music
- *WGN, 720, Chicago turned off AM stereo; and cancelled its noon show with Orion Samuelson and Max Armstrong, to the distress of everyone in mid-America interested in agriculture, not just farmers
- *Low power station in Washington DC on 1640, KJI955, seems to be coming from CIA HQ in Langley VA
- *Propagation outlook from Boulder January 6: flux range 135-115
- *And so we conclude another World of Radio; hope you've enjoyed it and will join me again next week. This was No. 1215, and I'm Glenn Hauser ###